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COAL BASED FERTILIZER PLANTS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of coal based fertilizer plants so far installed in the country;

(b) the details of the fertilizer plants closed down so far;

(c) whether Talcher Fertilizer Plant has been closed down alongiwth its Heavy Water Plant;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government propose to re-start the said plant; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) Ramagundam (Andhra Pradesh) and Talcher (Orissa) are the twocoal based urea plants of Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. (FCI) in the country.

(b) to (f) Production at the following plants of Fertilizer Public SectorUndertakings (PSUs) under the administrative control of this Department had to be discontinued for reasons of safety/feedstock limitation or on account of non-viable operations:-

1. Ammonia-Urea units at Gorakhpur (Uttar Pradesh),Ramagundam (Andhra Pradesh) and Talcher (Orissa) ofFertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. (FCI). The Talcher Unit of FCI includes the heavy water plant also.

2. Ammonia-Urea units at Durgapur (West Bengal), Barauni(Bihar) and Namrup-I & II (Assam) and Haldia FertilizerProject (West Bengal) of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFC).

3. Dehradun (Uttaranchal], Amjhore (Bihar) and Saladipura (Rajasthan) Units of Pyrites, Phosphates & Chemicals Ltd. (PPCL).

4. Urea-I unit of Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd. (RCF) at Trombay (Maharashtra).

Comprehensive rehabilitation proposals of FCI including itsTalcher unit, the operations of which have been suspended due to high cost of production and continuous incremental losses, on the basis of unit wise techno-economic viability, are to be submitted to the competent authority in the Government shortly. The question of revival of sick fertilizer units has been referred to a Group of Ministers set up for the purpose.